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Alcon Receives FDA Approval for a Supplemental List of Susceptible Pathogens for VIGAMOX™ Ophthalmic Solution

Fort Worth, TX, April 26, 2004 – Alcon, Inc. (NYSE:ACL) announced today that it has received U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval to add a supplemental list of susceptible pathogens to its **VIGAMOX™** ophthalmic solution *in vitro* labeling. The addition of these pathogens to the **VIGAMOX™** labeling further demonstrates the breadth of coverage and potency that has made **VIGAMOX™** the most widely prescribed ophthalmic fluoroquinolone on the market today.

VIGAMOX™ solution will now have an additional 22 pathogens added to the *in vitro* efficacy section of its package insert, including atypical mycobacteria *(Mycobacterium avium, Mycobacterium marinum)* and *Propionibacterium acnes)*. This will result in Vigamox providing the broadest spectrum in the ophthalmic fluroquinolone category.

"The addition of these supplemental pathogens reinforces the excellent potency of **VIGAMOX™**. At the same time, recent human studies clearly demonstrate the therapeutic penetration of **VIGAMOX™** solution into relevant ocular tissues," said Barry A. Schlech, Ph.D., Alcon Vice President, Pharmaceutical Technology.

The pathogens newly added to the **VIGAMOX™** package insert are:

Listeria monocytogenes
Staphylococcus saprophyticus
Streptococcus agalactiae
Streptococcus mitis
Streptococcus Groups C, G and F
Acinetobacter baumannii
Acinetobacter calcoaceticus
Citrobacter freundii
Citrobacter koseri
Enterobacter aerogenes
Enterobacter cloacae
Morganella morganii
Neisseria gonorrhoeae
Proteus vulgaris
Pseudomonas stutzeri
Clostridium perfringens
Propionibacterium acnes
Chlamydia pneumoniae
Legionella pneumophila
Mycobacterium avium
Mycobacterium marinum
Mycoplasma pneumoniae

VIGAMOX™ solution is the only fourth-generation fluoroquinolone eye drop formulated at a 0.5% concentration, providing high drug concentration throughout relevant ocular structures. Its near-neutral pH of 6.8 provides for ocular comfort. **VIGAMOX™** is potent enough to exceed U.S. Pharmacopoeia preservative efficacy test requirements without the need for benzalkonium chloride.

More than one million prescriptions for **VIGAMOX™** solution have been dispensed in the U.S. since it was introduced last spring. The potency and penetration of **VIGAMOX™** combine with a low rate of ocular adverse events to provide a high degree of clinical confidence in the safety and efficacy of this product. In the multi-center clinical trials involving **VIGAMOX™**, the most common ocular side effects occurring in approximately 1 to 6 percent of patients, were conjunctivitis, decreased visual acuity, dry eye, keratitis, ocular discomfort, ocular hyperemia, ocular pain, ocular pruritus, subconjunctival hemorrhage and tearing.

Alcon, Inc. is the world's leading eye care company. Alcon, which has been dedicated to the ophthalmic industry for more than 50 years, develops, manufactures and markets pharmaceuticals, surgical equipment and devices, contact lens solutions and other vision care products that treat diseases, disorders and other conditions of the eye.

The active ingredient in **VIGAMOX™**, moxifloxacin hydrochloride 0.5%, is licensed to Alcon, Inc. by Bayer AG.

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